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Dedication

To the members of McGill Street Baptist Church who have kept the flame of faith brightly burning these fifty years, this brochure is most sincerely dedicated.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for these servants of God who have prayed with power, planned with purpose, labored with steadfastness, and given with love, enabling us to enjoy today the glorious heritage of fifty fruitful years.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."
I Samuel 7:12.

PRESENT BUILDING — DEDICATED — APRIL 12, 1936

Our Church

Beautiful and silent she stands, looking down
From her promontory. It is our Church—
A haven of serenity, and escape from life's frown,
A beacon leading to the end of life's search.

What has made this Church strong?
What lies behind her fifty saving years?
Have her members made her life long,
Through their sweat, their blood, their tears?
Power is the answer!
Power in the knowledge and love of God!
Power in the loyalty of each member!
Power rising from earth's very sod
On which we stand—His kingdom's timber!
Power gained from inspiration!
Power from the urge of soul winning!
Power gained from education!
But this is only the beginning,
Progress will go on! We cannot stop—
For we are imbued with God's zeal.
Our aim the highest—our goal the top,
Until all people shall hear God's appeal.

Fifty golden years she has stood
Led by men inspired;
Fifty more she will spread her good,
If God has so desired.

—Eugene Bost.

OUR PASTOR

The Reverend John Hazel Knight, A. B., Th. M.

Pastor's Message

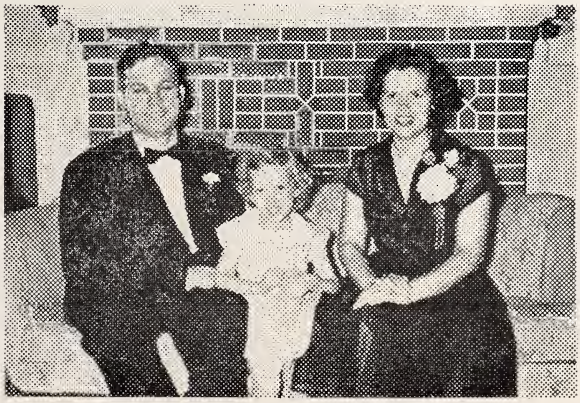
From the high peak of blessings on which we stand today, "Fifty Golden Years," we recognize that we only reap where others have sown. We thank God for that multitude of faithful souls who have gone on before us. They sacrificed and labored, each doing his part, to bring us to this glad hour of achievement. In their day they faced their opportunities and accomplished much to make our day bright and beautiful. We even profit from their errors. Theirs is the foundation and the scaffolding; ours to build upon it. To them we pay tribute!

As our predecessors lived their lives they made our history. As we live we write the History of the future. Will others be able to so honor us in another fifty years?

Morn of the future, we salute thee! Thou hast dawned upon us out of a yesterday of wondrous beauty filled with loving devotion to God and sacrificial service to man. We accept thy challenge undismayed! Not with fear but with faith in the Living God we approach thee. We will toil in thee "redeeming the time," (Col. 4:5) knowing that God giveth the increase, and "he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:8).

Thou hast built thy church, O Lord, "and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18).

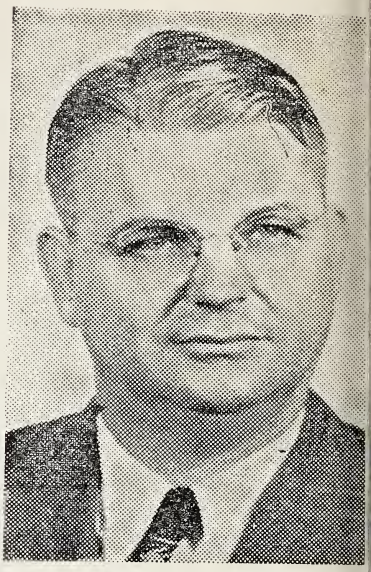
The Knights



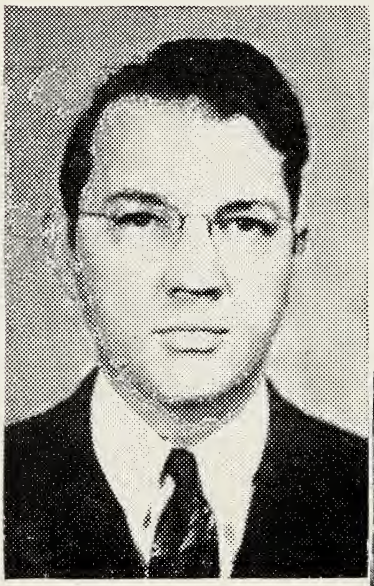
John, Margaret, and Elizabeth

Program Personalities

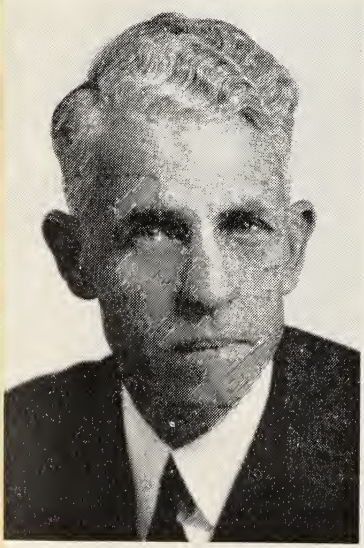
T. W. Fogleman



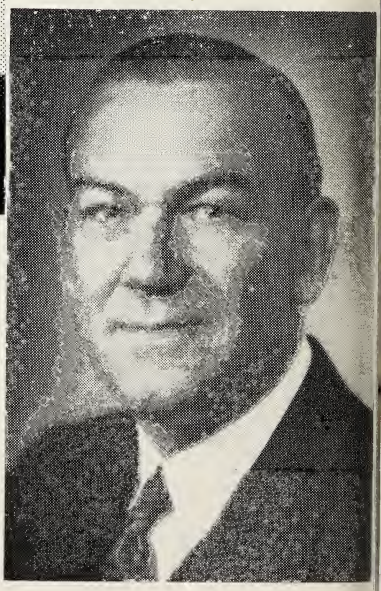
W. V. Tarlton



C. E. Baucom



M. A. Huggins



G. H. Jones

THE PROGRAM OF THE DAY

MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 O'CLOCK

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Cathedral Shadows" ..... Mason
CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Choir
INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Pastor
GREETINGS ..... Honorable Grover H. Jones
President, Baptist State Convention
HYMN NO. 1—"All Hail The Power" ..... Congregation
MORNING PRAYER ..... Rev. T. W. Fogleman
HYMN NO. 406—"The Church's One Foundation" ..... Congregation
DEDICATORY PRAYER—TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY—"Nocturne in E Flat" ..... Chopin
"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" ..... Waring
Senior Choir
MORNING MESSAGE ..... Rev. Clyde E. Baucom
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilson, N. C.
HYMN OF INVITATION, NO. 159—"Jesus Calls Us" ..... Congregation
BENEDICTION—CHORAL RESPONSE
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Allegro in D" ..... Nolte

AFTERNOON WORSHIP, 1:30 O'CLOCK

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Massive Chorale" ..... Hadler
HYMN NO. 46—"Onward, Christian Soldiers" ..... Congregation
INVOCATION ..... Rev. Oren Moore, Jr.
President, Concord Ministerial Association
HYMN NO. 190—"Come, Thou Fount" ..... Congregation
GREETINGS AND RECOGNTION OF CABARRUS PASTORS
Rev. Virgil M. Hailey
Moderator, Cabarrus Baptist Association
"LIKE JESUS" ..... Barbour
"IN THE HOUR OF TRIAL" ..... Lane
Junior Choir
GREETINGS ..... Dr. M. A. Huggins
General Secretary, Baptist State Convention
HYMN NO. 196—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ..... Congregation
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE FUTURE ..... Rev. Clyde E. Baucom
"SEEK YE THE LORD" ..... Roberts
Senior Choir
AFTERNOON MESSAGE ..... Rev. T. W. Fogleman
Retired Baptist Pastor, New London, N. C.
INVITATION HYMN NO. 174—"Take My Life And Let It Be"....Congregation
BENEDICTION AND CHORAL BLESSING
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Postlude" ..... Flagler

EVENING WORSHIP, 8:00 O'CLOCK

ORGAN PRELUDE—"The Heavens Are Telling" ..... Haydn
DOXOLOGY ..... Congregation
INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
HYMN NO. 201—"Faith Of Our Fathers" ..... Congregation
THE HISTORY OF McGILL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH".....C. E. Herrin
HYMN NO. 8—"We're Marching To Zion" ..... Congregation
OFFERTORY PRAYER—TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY—"Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring" ..... Bach
"BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL" ..... Ippolitof Ivanof
"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" ..... Christiansen
Youth Choir
READING OF THE SCRIPTURES ..... Rev. Clyde E. Baucom
EVENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... Rev. T. W. Fogleman
HYMN NO. 5—"O For A Thousand Tongues" ..... Congregation
EVENING MESSAGE ..... Rev. W. V. Tarleton
Pastor, Zion and Polksville, Shelby, N. C.
INVITATION HYMN NO. 168—"I'll Live For Him" ..... Congregation
BENEDICTION—CHORAL RESPONSE
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Majestic March" ..... Mallard

Old Church On Beattie's Ford Street 1902 - 1909

First Building On McGill Street 1909 - 1934

Church History

"Almost two thousand years ago Jesus said, "I will build my Church." In 1901 a group of loyal Baptists in Concord, North Carolina, saw the need for such an institution among the people of the Gibson Mill community. A mission was started with the help of the First Baptist Church of Concord, and a building begun. From a letter written to the Biblical Recorder, September, 1901, we read:

"If the Baptists are to hold this field we must finish this building at once . . . . Our people are all poor and have had a hard fight at Concord."

The STANDARD, the Concord weekly paper, carried the following in September, 1901:

"At Gibson Mill community the new and very creditable Church was found under roof and capable of being used as a place of worship in pleasant weather, and at which the Rev. Hoge was holding meetings with a good large congregation. It will be completed in time for winter weather."

In the minutes of the First Baptist Church of Concord is recorded the following:

"It was recommended that a Church be organized at the Gibson Mission. A motion was passed allowing the Church when organized full possession of our Mission property provided they assume all financial responsibility."

The Second Baptist Church of Concord was organized June 22, 1902, with 12 Charter Members. It was located on Beatties Ford Street. From The STANDARD we read:

"The Second Baptist Church of Concord (the Baptist Mission at Gibson Mill) was organized on Sunday into a congregation with 12 members and unanimously elected Rev. W. T. Talbert as Pastor. This will henceforth be known as the Second Baptist Church of Concord. At the service Sunday night three persons applied for Baptism."

In 1909 the Church changed its name from the Second Church of Concord to McGill Street Baptist Church. A new wood building was erected on McGill Street. The new buliding seated 500, had eleven rooms, and was valued at $4,000.

In March, 1933, work was begun on a new educational building. Eight months later the Sunday School and Church services were being held in the new brick structure with all bills paid. In November and December of the same year, the old wood building was torn down. In March, 1934, work was begun on a modern, brick auditorium. It was completed and dedicated April 12, 1936. In December, 1936, the Church voted to start work on a parsonage on Kerr Street at a cost not to exceed $2,200. Work was begun on a Recreation building in January, 1950. The two-story, brick building was completed at a cost of $29,000.

The Church has sponsored two missions in its history. In November, 1930, request was made by the Mission work on Young Street that we help with the further development of the work. This mission was later organized into the Young Street Baptist Church. In 1938 we bought a lot and helped with the work in the Wil-Mar Mission until 1943 when it was organized into the Wil-Mar Baptist Church.

The membership of the Church has shown a steady increase through the years. By the end of 1902 we reported the membership of 28 and a Sunday School enrollment of 120. The next ten years brought rapid growth for in 1912 we reported a membership of 239 and a Sunday School enrollment of 280. Twenty years later, in 1932, we reported 378 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 489. Our present membership is 911 with a Sunday School enrollment of 1010.

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. H. J. Aycock
Mrs. M. A. Bundy
Mr. J. R. Haney
Mr. A. M. Honeycutt
Mrs. A. M. Honeycutt
Mr. J. N. Perry
Mrs. J. N. Perry
Mr. W. F. Philemon
Mr. J. W. Smith
Mr. W. F. Stegall
Mr. A. T. Wentz
Mrs. A. T. Wentz

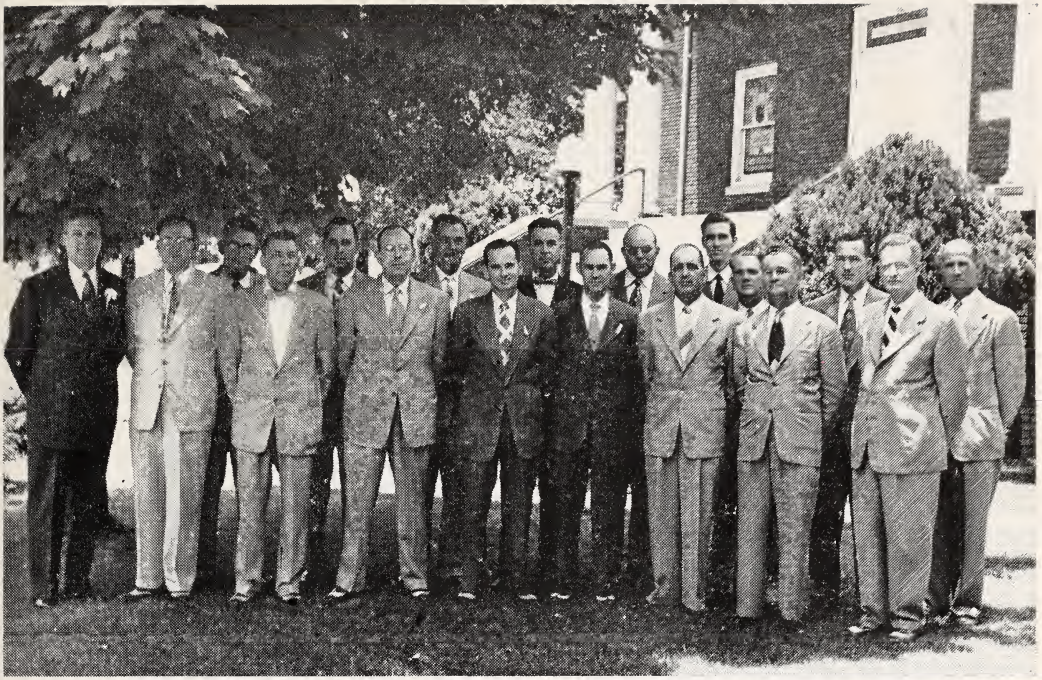
ROLL OF PASTORS

W. T. Talbert	1902-1904
R. H. Herring	1905-
W. F. Watkins	1906-1907
D. F. Helms	1908-1911
J. L. Rogers	1912-1913
J. W. Whitley	1914-1915
S. W. Bennett	1916-1918
G. W. Rollins	1919-1923
J. R. Pentuff	1924-1926
None reported	1927
T. W. Fogleman	1928-1931
C. E. Eaucom	1932-1943
W. V. Tarlton	1944-1951
J. H. Knight	1951-

Those who have been members for forty years and more: (Possibly others not reported to the committee)

Mrs. Frank A. Freeze	49, 10 Mos.	Mrs. Sallie Spong	44
Mrs. B. B. Howard	49	Mrs. W. E. Calloway	44
Mr. B. Funderburk	48	Mr. Fred Howell	44
Miss Ada Gardner	48	Mrs. R. L. Armstrong	43
Mrs. Edna Holbrooks	48	Mrs. J. T. Crowell	43
Mr. I. P. Shankle	48	Mrs. Bertie Newsome	43
Mrs. H. A. Sherrill	48	Mr. F. A. Millsapps	42
Mr. W. A. Ballard	47	Mr. C. E. Herrin	42
Mrs. W. A. Ballard	46	Mrs. Desso E. Price	42
Mr. C. C. Crouch	45	Mrs. C. E. Herrin	40
Mrs. C. C. Crouch	45	Mr. H. Grady Blackwelder	40
Mr. W. L. Mills	45	Mrs. A. B. McClure	40
Mrs. Nona Wood	45	Mrs. Loma Bowles	40

In this fiftieth year, rapid growth in the Church has been noted. The following pages portray some of the recent improvements. A division of the Adult Sunday School Department into three Departments; addition of a third Nursery Department; organization of Youth and Junior Choirs, are among the many noteworthy achievements, under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. John Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holder.



ACTIVE DEACONS (Left to right) First row: J. H. Knight, Pastor; F. L. Trull, C. M. Taylor, W. W. Millsapps, E. E. Broadway, H. P. Crowell, M. A. Drye, W. B. Shropshire, H. S. Connell, Chairman. Second row: C. R. Williams, N. H. Beaver, Ralph Eagle, C. H. McCoy, M. M. Cheek, F. L. Hartsell, S. O. Sides, G. L. Phillips, Luther Bennett.

CHURCH OFFICERS (Left to right)
First Row—W. B. Shropshire, Chm. Reception Com.; E. E. Kendrick, Trustee; Mrs. J. F. Hinson, Organist; Mrs. J. C. Mann, Pres. W. M. U.; F. A. Millsapps, Treas. 30 years; Mrs. J. L. Talley, Chrm. Entertainment Com.; Mrs. O. D. Goad, Church Sect'y 9 years; Mrs. C. R. Williams, Chrm. Bereavement Com.; C. G. Sides, Trustee.
Second row: Henry Barber, Janitor, 19 years; H. S. Connell, Chrm. Deacons; F. L. Trull, S. S. Supt.; O. A. Clanton, Chrm. Trustees; W. A. Helderman, Chrm. Ushers; L. L. Williams, Chrm. Buildings and Grounds Com.; W. J. Yow, Pres. Brotherhood, Budget Sect'y; F. L. Hartsell, B. T. U. Director.

THE CHOIRS

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

Psalm 100:1

"The children are tender . . . . I will lead gently . . . . according to the pace of the children."

(Gen. 33:13-14 ASV)

Nursery Department No. 1 In the new building

Nursery Department No. 2 In the new building

Nursery Department No. 3

ADULT DEPARTMENT No. 1

Ages 25-31 — In the New Building

THE SCOUTS

J. B. Snuggs—Chairman of Scout Committee
Flake Arrowood—Scout Master, 19 years.
L. B. Bratton—Assistant Scout Master
E. E. Broadway—Chairman Cub Scout Committee
Elmer Polk, and Ralph Shue—Cub Leaders

Our Fiftieth Year

By ROY E. HOLDER

OUR FIFTIETH YEAR has perhaps been one of the best in our colorful history. In it we received through contributions nearly $39,000.00; of this amount over $10,000 went to mission causes. The rapid growth of our Sunday School has brought about the organization of two new adult departments and one new nursery. The total expenditure for new equipment and repairs for this year was nearly $9,000.00. Included in this are the partitions in the new building and purchase of 100 metal folding chairs, 142 oak chairs, 6 oak tables, a new office desk and chair, and dining tables. For our Visual Aids there was purchased a 16MM projector, a slide projector and two screens. A new addressograph was bought for the office. The church auditorium has been redecorated and a new roof put on the church building.

ROY E. HOLDER
Minister of Music and Education

Our Sunday School has shown a remarkable growth this year; from an enrollment of 884 to 1010, a net gain of 126. However, the attendance has shown even more growth. Our average attendance is shown as follows:

JUNE 424; JULY, 400; AUGUST, 454; SEPTEMBER, 458; OCTOBER 434; NOVEMBER, 475; DECEMBER, 475; JANUARY, 502; FEBRUARY, 447; MARCH, 475; APRIL, 707; and MAY, 579.

Our Training Union has shown phenomenal growth from an enrollment of 87 to 281. The attendance has shown rapid growth. JUNE, 45; JULY, 35; AUGUST, 66; SEPTEMBER, 78; OCTOBER, 98; NOVEMBER, 118; DECEMBER, 118; JANUARY, 132; FEBRUARY, 172; MARCH, 151; APRIL, 150; and MAY, 137.

The other organizations have shown a growth and an increased interest in the past year. A Junior Choir and a Youth Choir have been organized and are receiving due recognition for their fine work.

God has richly blessed us in the past fifty years. We have come from a small beginning to a great church of God. We have built on the well-laid foundations of those who have gone before us; and we have a great future in keeping with our great heritage. We have visions of enlarging our facilities to reach more people for Christ. The fields around our church are "white unto harvest" with souls we need to reach for Christ. Our future can only be limited by our unwillingness to give Christ our best in sacrificial service.

ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee for the Anniversary Program is composed of the following:

General Chairman—Narry Beaver

Chairman of Committee on Church History—C. E. Herrin

Chairman of Publicity Committee—W. B. Shropshire

Chairman of Flower Committee—Mrs. Earl Calloway

Chairman of Building and Grounds Committee—Lester Williams

Chairman Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Bertha Talley

Co-Chairmen Hospitality Committee—Mr. Wiley Yow
and Mrs. J. C. Mann

Chairman of Parking Committee—Mr. E. E. Broadway

Other Members of Committee—Fletcher Hartsell, "Bill" Trull, Homer Connell, Mrs. Lonnie Crooks, Mrs. Lottie Ferguson

BROCHURE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. H. P. Crowell, Chairman

Mrs. James Polk

Mrs. John H. Knight

Mrs. Roy E. Holder

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